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REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 1, 2006, in which claims 1-9 and 22-29 were rejected, and claims 11-16 and 30-33 were allowed.

With this Amendment, claims 1, 4, and 22-29 have been amended to clarify Applicant's invention. Claims 1-9, 11-16, 22-29, and 30-33, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 22, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Jeyachandran et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,567,176.

Claims 2, 23, and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jeyachandran U.S. Patent No. 6,567,176 in view of Lodwick US Patent No. 6,978,299.

Claims 3, 4, 7, 24, 25, 28, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jeyachandran US Patent No. 6,567,176 in view of Yacoub U.S. Patent No. 6,552,813.

With this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to include certain limitations of allowed claim 11 and clarify that the printing policy includes "determining whether the first and second locations are located in a common facility," and clarify that the method includes "deleting the print job if the first and second locations are in different facilities."

With this Amendment, independent claim 22 has been amended to include certain limitations of allowed claim 11 and clarify that "the at least one printing policy includes determining whether the first and second locations are located in a common facility," wherein "the processor is configured to delete the print job if the first and second locations are in different facilities."

With this Amendment, claim 24 has been rewritten in independent form and includes certain limitations of allowed claim 12 reciting "wherein the at least one printing policy includes determining whether the second location is in a controlled area of a facility," and

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"wherein the processor is configured to delete the print job if the second location is in an uncontrolled area of the facility."

With this Amendment, independent claim 26 has been amended to include certain limitations of allowed claim 11 and clarify that "the printing policy includes determining whether the first and second locations are located in a common facility," wherein "the computer program causes the one or more processors to delete the print job if the first and second locations are in different facilities"

With this Amendment, claim 28 has been rewritten in independent form and includes certain limitations of allowed claim 12 reciting "wherein the printing policy includes determining whether the second location is in a controlled area of a facility," and "wherein the computer program causes the one or more processors to delete the print job if the second location is in an uncontrolled area of the facility."

With respect to the Jeyachandran et al., Lodwick, and Yacoub patents, Applicant submits that these patents, individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest a method as claimed in independent claim 1, do not teach or suggest a server as claimed in independent claim 22, do not teach or suggest a server as claimed in independent claim 24, do not teach or suggest computer-readable media as claimed in independent claim 26, and do not teach or suggest computer-readable media as claimed in independent claim 28.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 22, 24, 26, and 28 are each patentably distinct from the Jeyachandran et al., Lodwick, and Yacoub patents and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Furthermore, as dependent claims 2-9 further define patentably distinct claim 1, dependent claim 23 further defines patentably distinct claim 22, dependent claim 25 further defines patentably distinct claim 24, dependent claim 27 further defines patentably distinct claim 26, and dependent claim 29 further defines patentably distinct claim 28, Applicant submits that these dependent claims are also in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 22, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and the rejections of claims 2, 23, and 27 and claims 3, 4, 7, 24, 25, 28, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1-9 and 22-29 be allowed.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-16 and 30-33 are allowed. Applicant appreciates the indicated allowance of these claims.

Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicant submits that the above-identified claims are allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

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In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-9, 11-16, 22-29, and 30-33 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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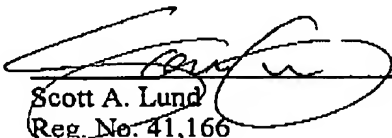
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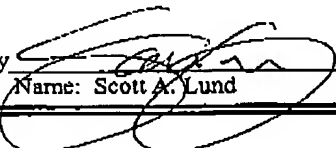
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